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Proposed Conservation Congress Resolution

The Issue:

The issue of recreational feeding of deer should be a separate issue from the issue of hunting deer over bait. The feeding of deer, and all other wildlife, is an asset to the people whom live in Wisconsin. People plant bushes, shrubs, trees, and establish feeders for the sole purpose of attracting and feeding wildlife. It has been suggested that feeding invites cabin shooters and poaching. We would never ban check writing in our local grocery store because of someone who passes a bad check.

Honest citizens should not be penalized by restricted feeding.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Rusk County on April 10, 2006, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing anyone who resides in their year round primary residence to recreationally feed deer, and other wildlife, without limitations within 100 yards of their residence. At present time the law allows only two gallons of feed at a time.

An exception would be a period of ten days prior to, and extending through, the traditional deer gun season. This proposal would not include weekend and temporary hunting cabins which should help to eliminate cabin nighttime shootings. It would be unlawful to hunt within 100 yards of any feeding station. Also, in areas where CWD has been proven to be a major issue this resolution would not apply as that would be a local concern for that particular area.

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Passed or Failed

County Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate) YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_